

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF MARYLAND
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ALTERING THE ATTORNEY GRIEVANCE
COMMISSION ASSESSMENT FEE

WHEREAS, The Attorney Grievance Commission (“Commission”) of Maryland was established by the Court of Appeals, on February 10, 1975, to investigate complaints against attorneys, administer discipline, supervise the inactive status of attorneys, monitor nonmembers of the Maryland Bar who practice in Maryland, and prevent the unauthorized practice of law, consistent with the Maryland Rules; and

WHEREAS, The Commission oversees and administers a Disciplinary Fund created to regulate the practice of law in Maryland and to implement and enforce the Maryland Lawyers’ Rules of Professional Conduct adopted by the Court; and

WHEREAS, As a condition precedent to the practice of law, Maryland attorneys must pay an annually assessed fee to the Commission, for Disciplinary Fund operations, through payments made to the Client Protection Fund of the Bar of Maryland (“Fund”), which includes an assessment for both the Fund and the Commission; and

WHEREAS, In Fiscal Year 2012, the Commission’s annual assessment fee was \$125.00; and

WHEREAS, The Judiciary’s Internal Audit Department is in the process of performing a comprehensive audit of the Commission and the Fund; and

WHEREAS, The Court has determined, based upon preliminary audit projections and the current financial status of the Commission, that it is appropriate to reduce the assessment fee temporarily, pending audit completion.

NOW, THEREFORE, It is this 7th day of May 2012, ORDERED, by the Court of Appeals of Maryland, pursuant to the authority conferred by Article IV, § 18 of the Maryland Constitution, and as part of its inherent power under the Constitution to regulate the practice of law, that:

1. The Commission's assessment fee, for Fiscal Year 2013, will be \$110.00.
2. Upon completion and review of the internal audit of the Commission, the Court will determine the appropriate assessment fee for Fiscal Year 2014.

/s/ Robert M. Bell
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/s/ Glenn T. Harrell, Jr.
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/s/ Lynne A. Battaglia
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/s/ Clayton Greene, Jr.
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/s/ Sally D. Adkins
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/s/ Mary Ellen Barbera
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* Abstained from signing
Robert N. McDonald

Filed: May 7, 2012

/s/ Bessie M. Decker
Bessie M. Decker
Clerk
Court of Appeals of Maryland